

## **SERMON OUTLINE**

### **STUDIES IN THE LIFE AND TIMES OF ELISHA**

#### **'Elisha: the messenger of salvation' - 11**

#### **2 Kings 9 v1 - 37 & 10 v10 - 11**

Key Text (v7a) - "You are to destroy the house of Ahab....."

Key Lesson - Our God is the sovereign God who controls all history, and raising kings up and bringing kings down works out for the blessing of His people, the church, His good, wise, and all-powerful will."

Key Application (Matt 16 v18) - "I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not overcome it."

What do we see happening here? And remember - this God, who today is still the same God, is our God!

#### **1. WE SEE GOD FULFILLING HIS WORD**

In sending this young prophet to anoint Jehu, Elisha was clearly doing what Elijah had told him to do - Elijah having been unable to do it himself. See - 1 Kgs 19 v15 - 16a. And what was Jehu being raised up to do? See - v7a. Bring to an end the dynasty of Ahab - and in this, God was fulfilling His word.

Key Text - Is 55 v10 - 11. Key Lessons:-

#### **A. THIS GOD IS SLOW TO ANGER**

The dynasty of Ahab had gone on for over 36 years (years of misery for the people of God) - and through it all Elijah and Elisha had been ministering God's gospel. See - Ex 34 v6a

#### **B. THIS GOD IS SURE TO JUDGE**

See - 1 Kgs 21 v20 - 22 & (in this passage) - v7 - 9. Notice that God says that He will do it. Key Point - When God says He will do something - He always does it! See - 10 v10 - 11.

Key Application - 2 Pet 3 v3 - 11 & 2 Cor 6 v2.

## **2. WE SEE GOD AVENGING HIS PEOPLE**

Notice, in particular, what is said about Jezebel. See - v7, v10 & 1 Kgs 21 v7 & 23. And then see how this was fulfilled - v30 - 37.

Key Point (from v26) - God sees what is done to His people and remembers as if it were yesterday. The years neither dim His memory or temper his sense of justice.

Application - Rev 19 v1 - 2.

## **3. WE SEE GOD PROSPERING HIS GOSPEL**

See - 8 v16 - 18. How did God deal with the dynasty which ruled over Judah, which was just as bad as Ahab's? See - v19. God was prospering His gospel - purposing to bring Jesus to us!